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Macomb Area Study  
McDonough County  
Job No. P-94-152-91  
Catalog No. 031483-00P

Mr. Bill Butcher  
136 James Drive  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Butcher:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your support of the Macomb Bypass alignment and interest in the possible benefits the Macomb Bypass might have on local businesses. The proposed Macomb Bypass, which would improve travel efficiency, is a positive factor for businesses in the area.

Your concern with the flow of traffic through town has been analyzed as part of the traffic study benefits of a bypass alignment. The bypass should help to alleviate train delays and also reduce semi-truck traffic through town.

Thank you for your interest in the Macomb Bypass and letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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My comments are:

*We would like the North Corridor Bypass. It is closer to the university and business on the north and east sides of Macomb.*



Please print:

Name  
Address  
City/State/Zip  
Phone No.

*JACKIE & LORI CLARK  
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Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Clark  
5125 East Pierce Street  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Clark:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
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My comments are:

I support the proposed Macomb Bypass.

At The December 16<sup>th</sup> presentation the large sized aerial photograph sequences let the viewer readily encompass the areas where the routes will extend.

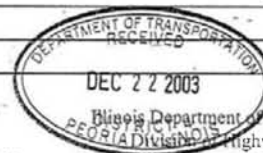
The posters were informative

The pamphlet pamphlet was/is useful

The array of IDOT staff answered audience questions and provided additional insight.

Please print:

Name Arthur Clayton  
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City/State/Zip Macomb, IL 61455  
Phone No. (309) 837-1026



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Mr. Arthur Clayton  
85 Arlington Drive  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Clayton:

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Very truly yours, -

*Joseph E. Crowe*

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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My comments are:

*Will you please send us an aerial photograph of <sup>our farm and</sup> the area immediately surrounding our farm and an estimate of the number of acres of our 40-acre farm you will be taking*

*John Corson*

### Please print:

Name John Corson  
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City/State/Zip Macomb, IL 61455  
Phone No. (309) 837-2168

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Mr. John Corson  
13320 East 900th Road  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Corson:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you requested an aerial picture of the proposed Macomb Bypass alignment in the vicinity of your property in addition to the approximate land acquisition required from your property. Enclosed is an aerial picture showing the alignment location and approximate land acquisition, as presented at the Public Hearing on December 16, 2003. Approximately ten (10) acres of your property is needed to construct the roadway. A severed remnant of your property is located west of the bypass alignment. This remnant would not have access from your property located east of the bypass alignment. The following two options were evaluated:

- Option 1: Provide access via a north-south road from CH 14. This option has lateral encroachment upon the Spring Creek flood plain and a box culvert drainage structure would be required. The enclosed Exhibit V-7 from the Design Report shows the access for Option 1.
- Option 2: Purchase of the severed remnant. Option 2 would provide good quality sites for wetland and tree mitigation and has substantially lower cost; and therefore, this option is recommended. The severed remnant is approximately ten (10) acres.

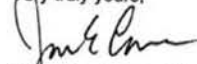
The total proposed right-of-way acquisition is approximately twenty (20) acres of which ten (10) acres is needed to build the bypass alignment and ten acres (10) is considered a landlocked remnant. The bypass alignment has been shifted as far west on your property as possible within the limits of design and environmental constraints.

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Thank you for your interest in the Macomb Bypass and letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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Very truly yours,

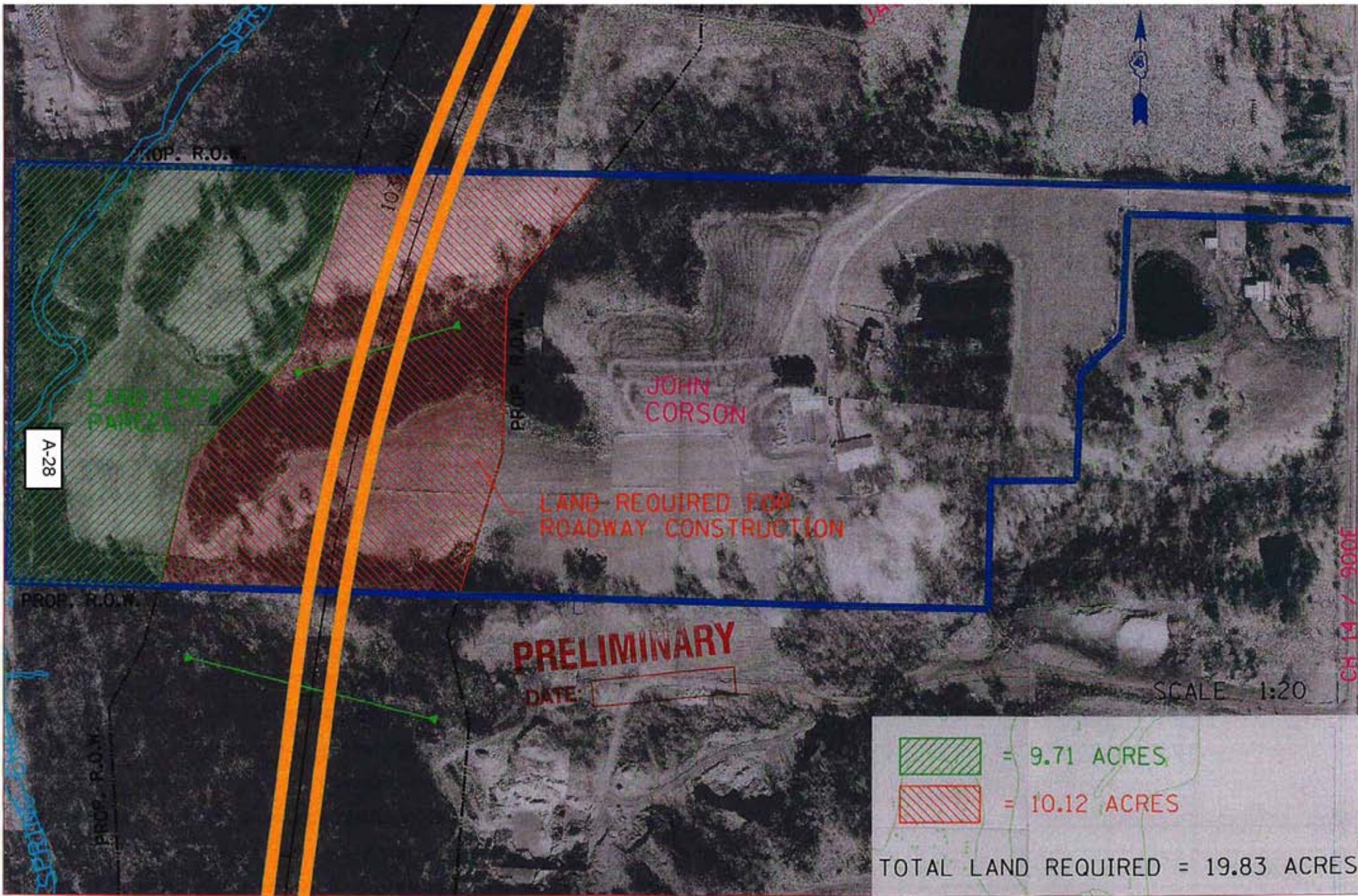
  
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12/15/03

Dear IDOT officials,

I strongly support  
the northwest bypass  
around Macomb, IL.

I look forward to  
its completion!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virginia Diehl

Virginia Diehl  
10065 E. 1200th  
Macomb, IL  
61455



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Ms. Virginia Diehl  
10065 1200th Road  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Ms. Diehl:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your preference to the alignment location in the north, which was presented at the Public Hearing. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
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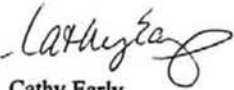
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Thank you for taking so much time and care in your planning for the NW bypass around Macomb. The extra effort (environmental) that you have built into this road is amazing to me.

I appreciate the patience IDOT showed when Macomb went through the hearing process in 1997-98. The fact that you gave us the chance to voice our opinions and have our County Board and City Council vote on this issue was great.

I firmly believe that the NW bypass is the best choice for Macomb, and that IDOT has done a thorough job in providing us with another beautiful (because all roads which open up this area of the state are beautiful) road.

Thanks,

  
Cathy Early  
1221 W. Jackson St.  
Macomb, IL 61455

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Ms. Cathy Early  
1221 West Jackson Street  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Ms. Early:

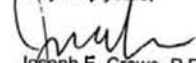
Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your preference to remain with the decision made in 1999 in which a northwest bypass location was recommended and the south bypass alignment was eliminated from further consideration. The Department's recommendation to select the northwest bypass over the south bypass was presented at a Public Informational Meeting held in Macomb on April 28, 1999. The decision was based on a comparison of overall impacts, as well as public input. The Department stands by its decision for a bypass located north of Macomb, as presented at the Public Hearing on December 16, 2003.

We appreciate your compliment on the animal crossings that are proposed for this project. The Department has strived to minimize the impact to wildlife in conjunction with the highway improvement.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record. Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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My comments are:

BY PASS SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO THE  
THE NORTH SIDE OF TOWN. THE SOUTH  
SIDE IS A MENACE TO CHILDREN

**Please print:**

Name Bill Ferree  
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Phone No. (309) 637-6471

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Mr. Bill Ferree  
18 Richard Street  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Ferree:

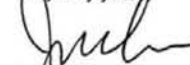
Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your preference to the alignment location in the north, which was presented at the Public Hearing. You expressed your concern that an alignment south of Macomb would be unsafe for children. The project alignments studied south of Macomb were eliminated based on higher overall impacts as compared to the selected alignment in the northwest quadrant of Macomb.

Thank you for your interest in the Macomb Bypass and letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

  
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March 10, 2004

My comments are: A bouquet and a brickbat:

I applaud your plan to help alleviate deer collisions on the highway by constructing an 8-foot fence for the several miles of right-of-way that will have the highest deer concentration. I also like your plan to construct several large-animal culverts so they can cross under the highway, and your design of animal exit "gates" to accommodate those that manage to get onto the right-of-way.

But I am appalled that your crossing of road 1250 North (= West Adams Road) will, according to your diagram, take out the (fairly new) homes of Randy Downey and Dan Nudd. I encourage you to re-evaluate the highway alignment there for several reasons:

1. It is bad public relations to take nice homes.
2. It is more expensive for IDOT to take homes than to build on unoccupied land.
3. There is adequate room on unoccupied land to move the highway about 100-200 feet to the east and miss both homes, without hitting the next home to the east (Jerry Raby, formerly Cheryl Douglas).
4. That more easterly path allows the highway to pass up a natural draw, requiring much less earth moving than gouging through the top of the hill where the Downey and Nudd homes are located.
5. It is apparent that IDOT has made highways slightly zig and zag as when 4-laning Route 67 north of Macomb, where slight bends were made to avoid farmsteads that existed along the original 2-lane road.

For these reasons, I am confident that IDOT can design a better crossing of 1250 North without destroying the existing homes.

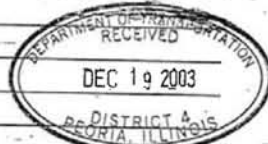
**Please print:**

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Phone No. (309) 833-5608

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Mr. Edwin Franks  
8495 North 1250th Road  
Colchester, IL 62326

Dear Mr. Franks:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

We appreciate your compliment on the animal crossings that are proposed on this project. The Department has strived to minimize the impact to wildlife in conjunction with the highway improvement.

In your comments, you suggested the Department evaluate moving the alignment east at Road 1250N (Adams Street) to avoid impacts to the Downey and Nudd residences. Several alignment options were evaluated in this area. To the north, the alignment location minimizes impacts by crossing a narrow point of Deer Ridge Lake in addition to avoiding existing earth dam locations. The alignment location north of Deer Ridge Lake also avoids the Spring Creek flood plain. The alignment location south of Adams Street must be designed to tie into the proposed IL 336 interchange at US 136, provide a desirable crossing at the LaMoine River, and minimize the impact to environmental features in the LaMoine River Valley.

Shifting the alignment east, as you suggested, would require an additional curve in the alignment. The additional curve would not be feasible in regard to the required curve radius to provide a proposed 65 m.p.h. design speed.

The re-profiling of Adams Street with a bridge over the Macomb Bypass will require land acquisition along Adams Street. The new vertical profile for Adams Street will improve the safety and ride-ability by flattening out the current rolling roadway profile.

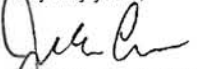
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Although the preferred alignment does have residential impacts along Adams Street, it is still considered to be the best choice for overall impacts within the project corridor.

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Very truly yours,

  
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District Engineer

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My comments are:

IN ORDER TO CREATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR WESTERN ILLINOIS IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT  
THIS PROJECT BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
THANK YOU!



Please print:

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City/State/Zip MACOMB, IL 61455  
Phone No. (309) 833-5896

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Mr. Ed Fulkerson  
100 Woodchuck Lane  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Fulkerson:

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My comments are:

NW Bypass is by far the best. Best connection  
to interstate, most economical  
Strongly support this plan

Please print:

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Address  
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FRANK GOODY  
5 MARTY LN  
MACOMB IL 61455  
(309) 823-3956

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Mr. Frank Goudy  
5 Marty Lane  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Goudy:

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My comments are:

THE BYPASS SHOULD  
GO NORTH OF MACOMB.

Please print:

Name MARVIN HALL  
Address 20 RICHARD ST.  
City/State/Zip MACOMB, IL  
Phone No. (309) 833-4422

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February 27, 2004

BUREAU OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT  
STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I  
FAP Route 315 & 310 (IL 336 & US 67)  
Macomb Area Study  
McDonough County  
Job No. P-94-152-91  
Catalog No. 031483-00P

Mr. Marvin Hall  
20 Richard Street  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your preference to the alignment location in the north, which was presented at the Public Hearing. Thank you for your interest in the Macomb Bypass and letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Project File (S. Lababidi)  
Project Engineer (T. Lacy)  
Environment (P. Green)  
Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas (Attn: Mr. Aaron Chanowitz)

**We** want your comments on the proposed Macomb Bypass.  
We encourage you to make your views a part of the official record. Written comments received within 10 days of this meeting will be included in the official record and will receive equal consideration along with the statements received at this meeting.



My comments are:

*See attached*



Please print:

Name David Hamilton  
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City/State/Zip Macomb, IL 61455  
Phone No. (309) 887-7113

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December 17, 2003  
15465 Hwy 67  
Macomb, IL 61455

Joseph E. Crowe, District Engineer  
401 Main Street  
Peoria, IL 61602-1111

Dear Mr. Crowe,

We came to Macomb in 1963, purchased a house in the country along US highway 67 landscaped with beautiful hedges and trees. Shortly thereafter a visitor from IDOT informed us that the front part of the property would be needed for the highway 67 expansion, and that we would have access via a quarter mile frontage road that would be deeded to us along with a strip of grass between the frontage road and the right-a-way along the new highway. My objections at the time were in vain, (I wasn't looking forward to maintaining a gravel road including the winter time snow removal, and doing all the mowing that would be required. So for 40 years I have cared for what has become affectionately known as "the strip," mowing and continuously picking up whatever the motoring public happen to cast out. "Didn't object too much to the beer and pop cans, the assortment of Styrofoam containers, but when disposable diapers came along, oh my!"

Now comes the bypass. It appears a small section of "our strip" will be lost, (hopefully there will be some reimbursement for this loss) but more importantly the properties left along the frontage road will be surrounded by access roads which I hope will be maintained and provisions made for snow removal. Finally the isolation caused by the access roads will have an adverse effect on the value of the properties affected. Please consider a financial adjustment to the homeowners affected as part of the cost of the highway improvement.

Sincerely,

*Donald K. Hamilton Frances M. Hamilton*  
Donald K. and Frances M. Hamilton



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March 12, 2004

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Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hamilton  
15465 Highway 67  
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your letter, you mentioned a concern you have regarding your property, along what you refer to as the "strip," will be surrounded by access roads and who will maintain these roads.

The access roads referred to are comprised of an existing frontage road to provide access to your property and a proposed frontage road to the east of your property which will provide access to US 67. Extending the existing frontage road to the north would have resulted in a residential displacement. The added frontage road to the east avoids the displacement, in addition to providing access to property, which would otherwise be landlocked. The proposed frontage road east of the residential property will be a public street and will be maintained by State or County maintenance crews. The existing frontage road maintenance will be retained as currently exists.

Another concern you have is dealing with the "financial adjustment" to property owners affected by the need for taking a section of the "strip" and from any adverse affect on the value of properties caused by, in your words, "isolation caused by the access road."

Once the exact location and area of the new right-of-way is determined, a plat and legal description will be completed for only those property owners where new right-of-way is needed. A certified appraiser, hired by the Department of Transportation, will then prepare an appraisal based upon the fair market value for the land that is needed, as well as, any damages to the remainder of the property.

Mr. & Mrs. Frances Hamilton  
RE: Macomb Bypass Study  
March 12, 2004  
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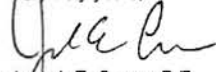
The appraiser will contact the property owner at the beginning of the appraisal process. At that time, any concerns of the property owner should be addressed with the appraiser. The appraiser will determine if any damages are warranted.

Once the appraisal is completed, an offer based upon the appraisal will be presented to the affected property owner by a member of the District's negotiation staff or an outside fee negotiator. If you have any further questions regarding the land acquisition process, please contact Rhonda Searle of our office at (309) 671-3223.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions regarding the project study.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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12-17-03

My comments are: ON THE NORTHWEST BYPASS

THE NW BYPASS IS NOT WORTH THE DESTRUCTION  
OF THE SPRING LAKE TO ARCYLE LAKE LAMORNE  
RIVER ECOSYSTEM FOR ITS SERVICES & FUNCTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

THE NW BYPASS IS JUST THAT, A BYPASS OF NO REAL  
ECONOMIC VALUE TO MACOMB

THEREFORE: 1. NO NEW BYPASS INCLUDING NW  
2. USE EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

INCLUDING THE ALREADY CONSTRUCTED CHAGEN  
INTERNAL BYPASS

3. IF A BYPASS IS NEEDED USE A SOUTH  
BYPASS AS PER THE ORIGINAL  
PLAN ON THE MAP AT THE  
WISCONSIN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.

INCORPORATE MORE WILDLIFE TUNNELS  
& PLANTINGS

2. BIKE & HIKING TRAILS ALONG  
BYPASS

3. MORE ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

NOTE: Thanks for the wildlife tunnels, plantings & mitigation you  
have already incorporated!! They are appreciated.

Please print:

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City/State/Zip: MACOMB IL 61455  
Phone No.: (309) 876-7231

Mr. Bob Henry  
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